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Applicant: Eric W. Triplett et al.)
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Enhancing Plant Growth)

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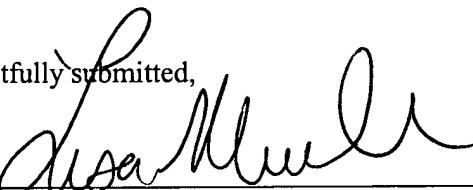
Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the request for restriction mailed on June 1, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants herewith elect to prosecute the claims in Group I (claims 1-2, 4, 5 and 14) drawn to a *Klebsiella pneumoniae* composition. This election is made without traverse.

If any additional fees are incurred as a result of the filing of this paper, authorization is given to charge deposit account number 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted,

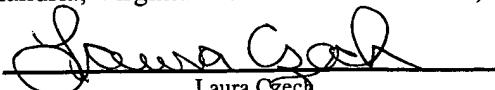
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